of a member of this House, this point has been raised. You can examine the points suggested by him also.

†SRI A LAKSHMISAGAR(Chikpet).—Sir, this is an important matter. I want to make a point and you may consider it also along with the point made out by Sri Armugham. Sri Armugham said that this is the legislature, the law-making body. My submission is that we are in the rule of the law society and even a law-maker is subject to the rules or laws made by himself. The civil servant has also got his own rights and duties just as I have got my own duties and responsibilities. This should not be forgotton. The mere fact that the matter has not been raised so far anywhere outside does not preclude this House from going into the matter because no member of the legislature has behaved in the manner in which it is alleged a particular member has behaved. This is also an important factor. You may bear this in mind in coming to a correct decision so that we may function honourably. Members must function and discharge their duties honestly and honourably and similarly the civil servants should also discharge their functions and duties in conformity with the Constitution and the rules and regulations made thereunder from time to time. This is also an equally paramount matter that shall have to be borne in mind while having a discussion on this matter. I therefore submit in all humility and earnestness that you should apply your mind and see that correct guidance is given to this House in this matter.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) *Re : Failure of the Government in not taking advantage of the offer of Government of India to subscribe to the share capital of S.C./S.T. Development Corporation.*

SRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN (Uttarahalli)—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Finance to the failure on the part of the Government in not taking advantage of the offer of the Government of India to subscribe to the share capital of S.C./S.T. Corporations,

SRI S. M YAHYA (Minister for Finance)—Sir, I wish to make the following statement.

1. It is true that Government had before them in the last quarter of the financial year 1978-79 a proposal to increase the authorised share capital of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation. The idea was that the Government of India and the State Government would jointly invest in the additional equity of the Corporation.

2. However it was only late in the evening of the 28th March, 1979 after the close of office hours that a Telex Message was received in the Social Welfare Department from the Government of India agreeing to invest in the additional share capital of the Corporation, subject to several conditions. The 29th of March, 1979 was a closed holiday on account of Chandramana Ugadi. There was no time to study the communication from the Government of India, understand the conditions and in their implications and to take a decision within the course of a single day *i.e.* 30th March, 1979. Therefore our reply could not be sent in time to the Government of India.

3. It may be noted that the 30th of March is an extremely busy day for all the concerned Departments-in particuar the Planning and and the Finance Departments.

4. It may not be correct to say that due to what happened substantial assistance has been lost. The intention of the Government of India themselves was that a token allocation would be made in 1978 79. It is during 1979-80 and future years that we can expect substantial assistance. In fact the Government of India have made a provision of Rs. 10 crores during 1979-80 for this item.

5. It will be ensured that during the current year the terms and conditions will be finalised with the Government of India and maximum assistance utilised.

3-00 P.M.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN—It is very unfortunate that the Hon. Minister has very conveniently evaded giving a direct answer. I would like to know what is the extent of amount which the State Government has lost because of negligence on the part of the Government of Karnataka. Secondly, why the concerned Department of the Government did not give due consideration to draw up programme and plan and also the budget and approach the Government of India quite in advance ? In this connection, I would like to refer with your permission to the recommendations and report of the Commissioner for SCs/STs. It is specifically mentioned here, I do not want to go into the details but I would just quotes two lines from it.

> "It is also necessary that the Planning and the Finance Department should have the means for ensuring flow of resources"

It is here that the Finance Department has entirely failed. As you are aware, the SCs/STs Development Corporation has received thousands of applications for loans. What is it that they have done? They have forwarded all the applications to the Commercial Banks, and these Banks have stated that they cannot give loans until they get the technical report. Supposing the Corporation has got enough funds at its disposal, even then they would not have been in a position to give loans to all the people. That is the reason why I am asking a direct question to the Hon. Minister, is it not true that the Social Welfare department has come up with the figure of 35 lakhs and they wanted to forward this to the Central Government. Assuming that this Rs. 35 lakhs share capital was provided to the State Government, the Corporation would have got Rs. 70 lakhs at its disposal. Why is it that the Finance Department has failed in its duty to avail of this facility which has been offered by the Union Government? Of course, the Hon. Minister has now come with a flimsy excuse saying that we could not avail of this facility from the Central Government because of the fact that there was no time because it was the last day of the year. I feel very much depressed when the Hon. Minister particularly the Finance Minister comes before the House and says that we have failed because there was no time. That means, was the department sleeping all these years? Therefore, I would like to know why the department was not alive inspite of various recommendations placed on the Table of the House by the Legislature Committee on Welfare of SCs/STs? In this context I would like to quote just two lines and be done with it:

> "The previous committee on welfare of SCs/STs had earlier in their second report presented to the Legislature in the year 1973 recommended that the separate Commissioner and secretary to the Government at the Secretariat level be appointed."

Here again, I would like to request through you Sir, let there be a separate Ministry and separate Minister of the Cabinet rank who can look after the welfare of the SCs/STs. This is most important when you are talking of a better deal of the poorest poor invariably from the SCs/STs. I would like to appeal to the Government particularly to the Chief Minister to have separate Ministry created especially to look after the welfare of SCs/STs. Secondly, in the Legislature Committee on welfare of SCs/STs have themselves made these recommendations, namely, that there should be a special Commissioner exclusively to be in-charge on welfare of SCs/STs. If that is the case this lacuna would not have arisen. Let this aspects b taken into consideration and let the Hon. Minister come out and

say why there was such a shortfall on the part of the Finance Department and what is the amount involved. I hope the Hon. Minister would not give room.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI—It extremely pains me that such a criminal negligence has been shown to get the funds from the Centre. Why I am saying this is that last time during the budget debate we pointed out that the SCs/STs Corporations in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu were able to spend to the tune of 10 crores 8 crores respectively and Gujarat has spent 10 crores. This Corporation in our State has spent only 80 lakhs. During the budget the Government have failed to take the help given by the Government of India. After the debate, the officers concerned should have taken note as to what are the funds available so far as the development of the Corporation is concerned. He should have earlier examined and made efforts to get these funds. In spite of the fact that the Government of India sent communications the officers used to go to Delhi. They could have found out what are the funds and under what heads.

SRI S.M. YAHYA—In this matter there is neither fault nor negligence on the part of any department of the Government of Karnataka, much less of the Finance Department. We have been pursuing this matter, if a late communications which is a very lengthy communication comprising a few hundred words is sent on 28th late in the evening by the Government of India, how can any body blame the State Government or any department of the State Government for that ? To read this communication it takes some time and to study and understand still much more time is required. The communication does not show the amount which Sri M.V. Rajashekaran has been mentioning. Nothing has been mentioned about the amount in this communication and still to blame any department and that too Finance Departmen is certainly not correct. The communication contains a number of conditions. Why they should not have sent it a little earlier ? These are important conditions and any Government would like to have more time to consider them. These are the conditions which may affect the entire administration of the SC/ST Corporation also. Firstly, the Corporation should have ensured the areas to cover under the intensified Rural Development Programme. Secondly, certain income limits for assistance to SCs/STs should have been fixed by the Government of India. Thirdly, they should have given guidelines regarding staffing pattern. First of all, the communication is full of conditions. Thirdly, the communication does not mention any amount. Fourthly, it is in fact for the next five years, it comes

under the sixth Five-year Plan. Therefore, there is absolutely neither negligence nor fault on the part of any Government Department. In fact on 30th late in the evening we have also released our Rs. 3 lakhs shares. On the evening of 31st we actually got another communication from the Central Government providing assistance of three lakhs of rupees

The amount is with the Government and we do not know whether these conditions are applicable or not for these Rs 3 lakhs. We are examining whether this amount could be given to the Corporation. In fact, we are trying to get as much assistance as possible for this Corporation from the Central Government, and we will make more and more attempts to get assistance. I am personally interested in this. I am going to Delhi next week and we will discuss about this central assistance to the Corporation and we will see what help we will get. The Centre has allocated Rs. 10 crores in this year's budget for this, and we will certainly try to get some assistance. Our Social Welfare Department has worked out an estimate of Rs. 36 lakhs- it is not the suggestion of the Government of India. Therefore I humbly submit that there is no negligence or fault on our part. The scheme is dearer to us, we will discuss with the Central Government and try to get as much money as possible as share capital for the SC/STs Corporation.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI— Is this the communication that the Government received regarding the allocation of funds of this nature or whether there was any correspondence ?

SRI S. M. YAHYA—This is not an allocation at all. This is nothing but out of correspondence.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN— The conditiens read out by the Hon'ble Minister are normal conditions that they should spend the money and cover the area, and whether they have not covered.....

SRI S. M. YAHYA—It takes lot of time to examine conditions.

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN— The next condition is about the income limit. On all matters of aid this is one of the most important conditions. The other condition is about the staffing pattern. These are normal conditions. Why the Department was not alive to this issue ? Sir, they say that they are one of the most and foremost in the country who are helping the SC/STs. Now the Central Government is prepared to give them equal amount—if the State were to give Rs. 1 crore, the Centre will give Rs. 1 crore. Why did they not take advantage of it ? The Hon'ble Finance Minister agreed that the

Social Welfare Department had assessed and proposed that they would require Rs. 36 lakhs. If that amount had been indicated quite in advance today we would have got Rs. 36 lakhs. This means that the Finance Department was not agreeable to provide Rs.36 lakhs That is the secret behind it. If the Finance Department had agreed to provide Rs. 36 lakhs. naturally they would have got Rs. 36 lakhs from the Central Government. Unfortunately they give all lip sympathy and simply blame the Central Government. It is just like the woll telling the lamb : 'You are drinking water and making it dirty and that is why I am tempted to eat you'. I do not want the Hon'ble Minister to come out with this sort of excuses for the failure on the part of the department. I would request the department and the Hon'ble Minister to see that immediate steps are taken to keep the amount at their disposal.

SRI S.M. YAHYA—Even if the Government of India does not give the money we will provide. We have provided Rs. 1 crore and we will provide another Rs. 20 lakhs to the Corporation. If the Central Government gives it is well and good. We will not depend on the Central Government only. Not only we talk, but we will act also in this matter.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI—Andhra Pradesh has spent Rs. 10 crores, Gujarat has spent Rs. 8 crores, but this Corporation has spent only Rs. 80 lakhs.

SRI S. M. YAHYA—It is paid-up share capital given by the Government of Karnataka. I agree that it should be more. My friend Sri Rajasekharan said that the Finance Department has failed in this and so on and so fourth. There is absolutely no failure, no lapse and the Government will not hesitate to provide a reasonable amount to the SC/ST. Corporation Even if the Government of India refuses to give us the amount, we will not hesitate to provide sufficient amount to this Corporation. We have to study the legal and other consequences about the conditions. As far as the first condition is concerned, we should know the areas and it takes some time. Secondly, about the income limit, our Government order provides a different income limit. Could it be solved within a day or two ? There also they have said that they will provide nominal assistance. So, these are not normal conditions. Certainly it requires time.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ವಿ. ರಾಜಶೇಖರನ್—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಒಂದು ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಆಗಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದರು. 'ಕೇಂದ್ರಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಕೊಡದೇ ಹೋದರೂ ನಾವು ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಹಣವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ' ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವರು ಕಾರ್ಯತಃ ಏನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳಲಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್.ಎಂ. ಯಾಹ್ಯಾ—ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ನಾವು ಕಾರ್ಯತಃ ಏನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ವಿ. ರಾಜಶೇಖರನ್—ಪರದೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ನೋಡಬೇಕು ಅಷ್ಟೆ.

(*ii*) *re: Scarcity of drinking water in Arkalagud Taluk*

SRI K. B. MALLAPPA (Arkalagud).—I call the attention of the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj to the scarcity of drinking water in Arkalagud Taluk.

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj).—I wish to make the following Statement:

The Chief Engineer, MI & PHE., Bangalore, has stated that in Arkalgud Taluk, there are 258 main villages exclusive of Hamlets, Tandas etc., as per 1971 Census, and that 247 villages/Hamlets/ Tandas were identified by the PHE Department and by the Block Development officers as scarcity affected from drinking water point of view. Out of 247 Villages etc , it is stated that 206 villages, Hemlets etc., have been tackled so far and 345 Bore Wells have been sunk, out of which 277 Bore Wells were successful. All these successful bore wells have been fitted with hand pumps.

Generally all the villages have been provided with open drinking water wells in the Taluk. In addition to this, 11 piped water supply schemes have been executed in Arkalgud Taluk under the National Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme. Out of the 11 water supply schemes, two schemes namely, Water Supply Scheme to Mekali Madehalli and Rudrapatna are idle and it is stated that action is being taken to effect repairs to these water supply schemes on top priority. The Public Health Engineering Department, is also taking action to provide bore wells to the remaining 41 villages/Hamlets/ Tandas in a phased manner, depending upon the availability of funds

The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District has also stated that in Arkalgud Taluk there was sufficient rainfall during the months of February and March, 1979 (32.4 M.Ms during February 1979 and 15.2 M.Ms during March, 1979 respectively) and therefore, there is no scarcity of drinking water either for men or cattle. In Arkalguld Taluk, 868 open Drinking Water Wells have already been provided and hence adequate drinking water is available

In the circumstances explained above, it can be seen that Government is taking all steps to provide drinking water facility to the Villages, Hamlets, etc., in Arkalgud Taluk.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಬಿ. ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು, ತಮ್ಮ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಕಲಗೂಡು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ೨೦೬ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿಯೂ ಮತ್ತು ೩೪೬ ಕೊಳವೆ ಬಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದಿರುವುದಾಗಿಯೂ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕೊಳವೆ ಬಾವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೈಪಂಪುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ, ನಾನು ಹೋದ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳ ಕಡೆ ಯೆಲ್ಲಾ ಕೊಳವೆ ಬಾವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೈ ಪಂಪುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೆಲವು ಕಡೆ ಕೈ ಪಂಪುಗಳನ್ನು